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VIA E-mail and U.S. Mail Only: 2712-49560263@requests.muckrock.com

RE: Request for Records: Aerial Drone, UAs, UAVs, and UASs

Dear Mr. Musgrave:

The request for records under the Freedom of Information Act you sent to the Louisiana State Police concerning the above captioned matter has been forwarded to me for consideration and response. You have requested the following under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. Any requests for proposals, proposals submitted by vendors, contracts, budgets or cost allocations for the purchase, research of and/or use of aerial drones, UAs, UAVs, and UASs (hereinafter 'drones');
2. any policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on institutional use of drones, including on the legal process required (such as a warrant or court order), if any, before operating a drone;
3. any departmental records concerning this institution's use of and/or research of drones now or plans to use drones in the future including;
 - a. the types of investigations or instances in which this department is using or plans to use drones, or how it plans to support, manage or oversee the usage of drones by another department or office;
 - b. policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on storage requirements or procedures for video or static images obtained through use of drones, including retention times;

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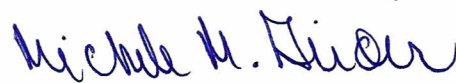
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- c. the altitude at which drones can or do fly;
- d. drones' ability to carry weapons.

Please be advised that currently the Louisiana State Police does not have any "drones."

Furthermore, in Louisiana, such requests for the records you seek are governed by LA R.S. 44:1 et seq. The information you seek is not subject to release pursuant to LA R.S. 44:3, which specifically exempts from disclosure to the public those records maintained by law enforcement agencies concerning "security procedures, investigative training information or aids, and investigative technical equipment or instructions thereof." With kindest professional regards, I am,

Sincerely,



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